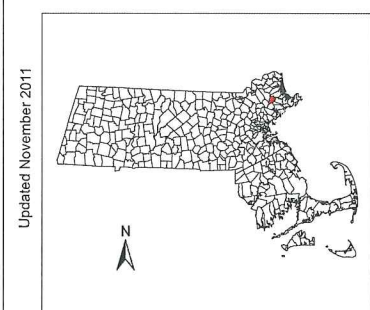
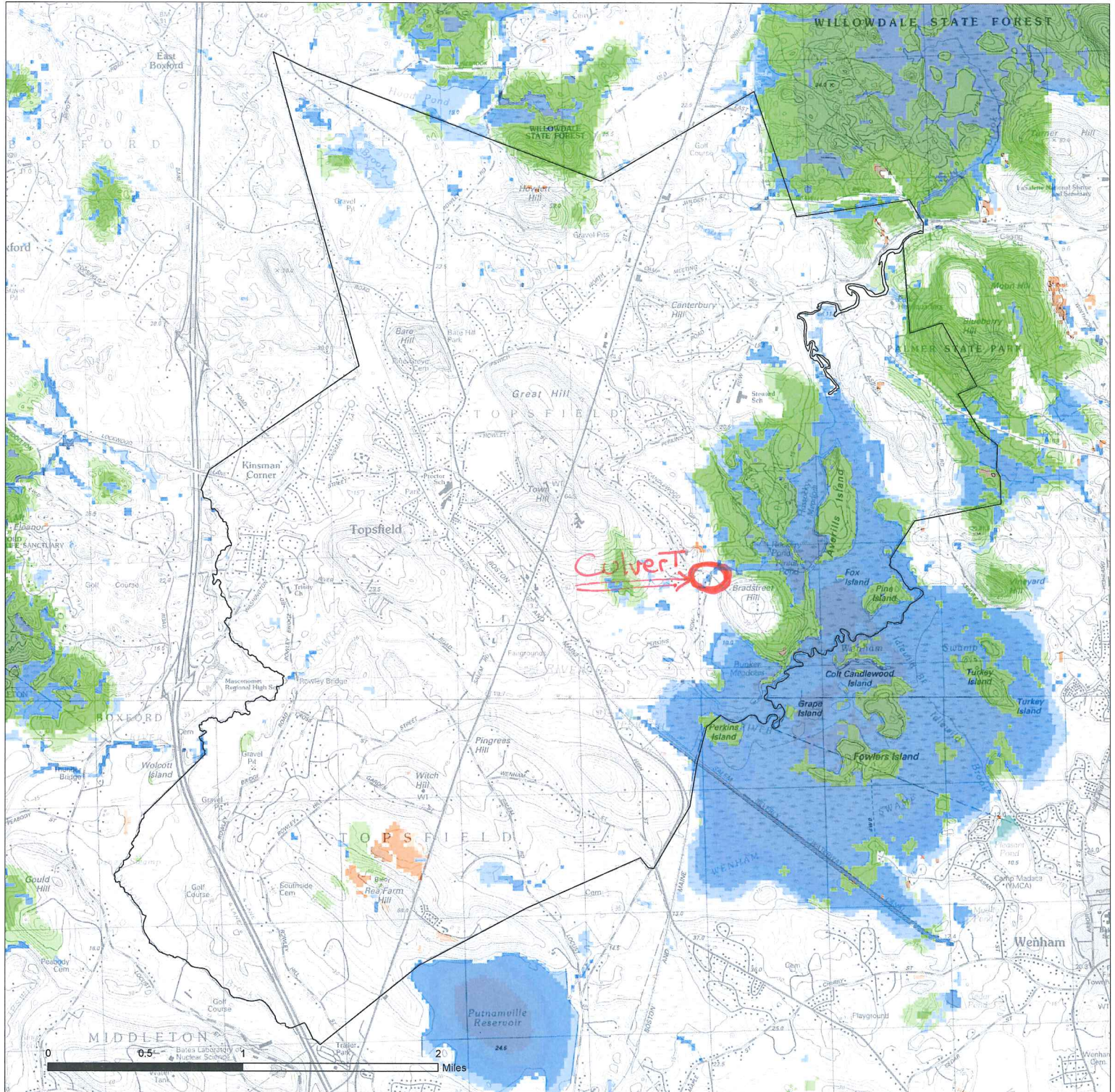


CAPS Index of Ecological Integrity (IEI) Town of TOPSFIELD, MA



IEI, Index of Ecological Integrity Top 50% of the Landscape



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Coastal beaches and rocky intertidal shores are included as Coastal Wetland and Aquatic.

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